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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POLISH REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

1. OFFICIALS FROM THE POLISH EMBASSY PRESENTED FOLLOWING
AIDE-MEMOIRE TO MR. STYLES OF OFFICE OF AVIATION:

"THE POLISH SIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF
PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA PROPOSED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS OF DELEGATIONS OF
THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTES AND OTHER
IMPORTANT MATTERS NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 1975.

"THE POLISH SIDE UNDERSTANDS THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR
THE AMERICAN SIDE TO SEND ITS DELEGATION TO POLAND
DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. IN ORDER TO PAY DUE REGARD
TO THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH SIDES THE POLISH
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION INSISTS ON HOLDING TALKS DURING
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THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1976.

"THE POLISH SIDE SUGGESTS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTERS DURING THE JANUARY MEETING:

"1. THE AGREEMENT TO GRANT MORE FREQUENCIES TO THE POLISH AIRLINES LOT,

"2. GRANTING THE POLISH AIRLINES LOT ADDITIONAL LANDING POINTS IN THE US TERRITORY,

"3. CREATION OF CONDITIONS WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE BALANCE OF OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS BY THE AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES,

"4. CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIONS OF BOTH AIRLINES IN OPERATIONAL/EXPLOITATION/PROGRAMS.

"THE POLISH SIDE WILL BE GRATEFUL IF THE AMERICAN SIDE COULD ACCEPT THE POLISH PROPOSAL AND COMMUNICATE ITS POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"WASHINGTON, D. C.

"DECEMBER 18, 1975."

2. STYLES ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF POINTS 3, 4 IN ABOVE TEXT. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT SPECIFIC ON THESE POINTS BUT THAT THEY WOULD REQUEST FURTHER EXPLANATION FROM WARSAW. POLISH OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE GOP ATTACHES TO HOLDING TALKS ASAP IN JANUARY BECAUSE OF LOT DESIRE TO INCREASE 1976 FREQUENCY LEVELS AND BECAUSE BOTH SIDES WERE ALREADY COMMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT TO MEET BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1975. STYLES RESPONDED THAT WHILE US AND POLISH GOVERNMENTS HAD A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS FUTURE REGIME ON EXPIRATION OF PRESENT AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 31, 1976, THIS WAS SEPARATE FROM QUESTION OF INCREASED FREQUENCY LEVELS FOR THE SUMMER 1976 SEASON UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT US WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN EARLY DISCUSSIONS ON LATTER ISSUE WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY ANY PERCEIVED CHANGE IN POLISH POSITION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES (E.G., ZLOTY SALE ISSUE) WHICH HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THIS YEAR. HE ASKED EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO INQUIRE WHETHER GOP IS PREPARED TO MOVE TOWARDS SOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES. HE EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT US SIDE WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY FITTING POLISH TALKS INTO ALREADY TIGHT AVIATION NEGOTIATION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY, BUT THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE FORMAL REPLY AFTER WE HEAR FROM EMBASSY ON INQUIRY. KISSINGER

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